the last three years are as under:—

Cotton year	Quantity (in lakh bales)
1982-83	9·71
1983-84	5·25
1984-85	6·67

The information in respect of the purchases made by the State Federations of Maharashtra and Gujarat is not readily available.

(c) In December, 1985 the Maharashtra State Cooperative Cotton Growers Marketing Federation and the Gujarat State Cooperative Cotton Federation had requested for allotment of export quota of 3 lakh bales and two lakh bales of cotton respectively, in addition to the quota of 70,000 bales and 50,000 bales of cotton which had already been allotted to them. No further request has been received thereafter.

Cotton Monopoly Scheme of Maharashtra

1571. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cotton Monopoly Scheme of Maharashtra is running into losses;

(b) if so, what steps the Central Government have taken to effect improvement in the Scheme; and

(c) whether Government propose to start Cotton Monopoly Scheme throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The Scheme is operated by the State Government of Maharashtra

(c) The Cotton Monopoly procurement Scheme is in operation in the State of Maharashtra only. There is no proposal to extend the said scheme to any other State.

Raid on Colden Tobacco Co.

1572. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Anti-evasion wing the Directorate-General of Revenue intelligence conducted raids on the 30th January, 1986 at the factory premises of Golden Tobacco Company and at the residences of its Directors and dealers in different parts of the country to investigate alleged evasion of Central excise;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the extent of the tax evasion by the company detected as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) On information that M/s. Golden Tobacco Company were evading central excise duty, the searches of the factory premisthe 20th January, 1986. The searches of some of its directors and dealers in different parts of the country were carried out by the Central Excise Department on the 20th January, 1986. The searches were coordinated by the Directorate General of Revenue Intelligence. Preliminary scrutiny of the documents seized indicates that the company was charging an extra amount over and above the invoice price in the case of sale of one of its brands of cigarettes to the wholesale dealers. Investigations are in progress and the extent of central excise duty evaded will be known only on completion of the investigations.